

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1068

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming August 7, 2010,  
8 Oklahoma Purple Heart Day.

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11 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in  
12 the world in present use; and

13 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the  
14 President of the United States to a member of the Armed Forces who  
15 is wounded in a conflict with an enemy force or is wounded while  
16 held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and is awarded  
17 posthumously to the next of kin of a member of the Armed Forces who  
18 is killed in a conflict with an enemy force or who dies of wounds  
19 received in a conflict with an enemy force; and

20 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782,  
21 during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued  
22 an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise  
23 known as the Badge of Military Merit; and

1       WHEREAS, the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of  
2 the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th  
3 anniversary of the birth of George Washington, out of respect for  
4 his memory and military achievements; and

5       WHEREAS, the sacrifice of Oklahoma citizens who have earned the  
6 Purple Heart with their blood and their lives should be honored; and

7       WHEREAS, observing National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a  
8 fitting tribute to George Washington and to the more than 1,535,000  
9 recipients of the Purple Heart, approximately 550,000 of whom are  
10 still living.

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
13 CONCURRING THEREIN:

14       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims Saturday, August 7,  
15 2010, as Oklahoma Purple Heart Day.

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